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TITLE: SITUATION IN THE CAUCASIA AND ITS STRATEGIC USE FOR THE PURPOSE
OF SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES

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The Caucasus area, various in race and religion, is affected little by Russian civilization, being located far from the center of Soviet Russia. Considering this, the Caucasus is surely an important area from the standpoint of strategems against Russia. However, because of the fact that the various races in the area are antagonistic to each other and can not cooperate in doing anything, we cannot deny that it will be very difficult to unite the whole Caucasus in rising against Russia unless by the force of military occupation.

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6. It would also be a good scheme to make all races in the Caucasus confront each other and consequently to bring about confusion in the area, by instigating either the idea of Greater Armenia, or the independent inclination of Georgia, or the Mussulman Movement, or the Partizan Movement of the mountaineers, etc. The idea of Greater Armenia is the most promising one as a fuse to give rise to such a situation regardless of its success. In case that this idea is advocated, there would break out a great confusion because of opposition on the part of Georgia and Azerbaijan, and, needless to say, of Turkey.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lt. Colonel TARANENKO, G.I., a member of the military forces of the U.S.S.R., do hereby certify that the "Utilization of conditions in the Caucasus for purposes of sabotage activities" was delivered to me by the Red Army Chief Military Prosecution Department, Moscow, on or about March 21, 1946, and that the original of the said document may be found in the archives of the said department, Moscow.

I do further certify _____

Lt. Col. Taranenko (signed)
(Signature and rank.)

Tokyo, Japan,

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